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the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Open for discussion on AM1527. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I will be brief. I rise in support of the amendment and the bill, and would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for including the suggestion about the jury refreshment, if you will. The report came out shortly after I had introduced LB 329, and it looked as if that would be an easy way to actually accomplish one of the recommendations of the judicial system's report this year. There were other suggestions and I'm sure that there will be legislation which will follow in years to come. But the report, which was the Nebraska Minority and Justice Task Force report, had this one really simple suggestion and if we do that here tonight I think it could bring about...hopefully, it will bring about some needed changes in the system. And one of the things that's happened in the past is that the jury lists haven't been refreshed and so the same people are often called again and again and your pool gets tired and doesn't always include the diversity that you get when you are constantly changing that system, or that base perhaps I should say. So I'd like to thank the Judiciary Committee and urge your support of the Brashear amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Foley, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. President and members. I just rise in support of AM1527 and I want to thank Senator Brashear for crafting this amendment and working in the provisions of LB 171. A number of months ago, I had some women contact me who had been notified for jury service here in Lancaster County and they were very happy to perform their civic obligation. However, at the time that they were called for jury service they were nursing their babies and, as you know, when a mother is nursing a baby she needs to have that baby available to her every two to three hours, and jury service doesn't often lend itself to that kind of a schedule. And this was very disruptive to them and to their families. This bill will